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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - INDONESIA'S REACTION TO JOINT
NONALIGNED-WESTERN WORKING PAPER FOR DRAFT U.N. SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

REF: (A) USUN 6936; (B) USUN 6845 (NOTAL); (C) USUN 6914;
(D) USUN 6928

1. USUN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH INDONESIA'S MISSION (AMB SANI)
DECEMBER 20 ABOUT INDONESIA'S REACTION TO JOINT NONALIGNED-
WESTERN WORKING PAPER FOR DRAFT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)
RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR (REF A). SANI SAID THAT JAKARTA
HAS GRANTED HIM AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ACCEPTABILITY OF JOINT
DRAFT. HE SAID THAT, WHILE JOINT DRAFT "NOT COMPLETELY
SATISFACTORY", INDONESIA COULD LIVE WITH IT. SANI CONSIDERED
OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF JOINT DRAFT "MUCH MORE REALISTIC" AS
TO PORTUGAL'S CAPABILITIES THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE PURELY
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NONALIGNED DRAFTS. SANI NOTED, AS HE HAD STRESSED ON DECEMBER 15

IN THE UNSC DEBATE (REF B), THAT PORTUGAL SELF-ADMITTEDLY LACKS MEANS OF ITS OWN TO ASSURE NORMALIZATION OF SITUATION.2. SANI SAID HE DID NOT PLAN ACTUALLY TO ENDORSE THE JOINT DRAFT DURING FORTHCOMING UNSC DEBATE, BUT HE WOULD UNDERLINE INDONESIA'S READINESS TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE UN REGARDING PORTUGUESE TIMOR. HE WOULD REEMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE INDONESIA ATTACHED TO THE UN'S KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH AND CONSULTATION WITH EAST TIMORANS (REF C).

3. SANI EMPHASIZED THE HOPE THAT THE JOINT DRAFT WOULD BE ADOPTED EXPEDITIOUSLY AS A UNSC RESOLUTION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22. HE FELT THE CHANCES FOR THIS WERE REASONABLY GOOD GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE JOINT DRAFT HAS NINE NONALIGNED AND WESTERN DRAFTERS AND FACT THAT USSR HAD STATED SUPPORT EARLIER FOR NONALIGNED POSITION (REF D). SANI BELIEVED CHINA MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE.
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